

29 October 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR Division

VIA: SR/COP

SUBJECT: Proposed sponsorship of Soviet study group in Stockholm.

1. As a consequence of several long discussions with [] during his recent stay in Washington, I propose to assist the Soviet Study Group attached to the Slavic Institute of the University of Stockholm along the lines of [] recommendations. The Soviet Study Group represents the first systematic effort in Sweden to establish a permanent Soviet research mechanism. Its sponsor, Dr. Bruno Kalnins, a professor at the Slavic Institute, is according to [] deeply concerned that the students and experts in the Soviet field in Sweden have a better understanding of the true nature of the Soviet regime than they do. As a consequence, the Soviet Study Group is already becoming not only the center for research on the Soviet Union in Sweden, but also an important mechanism to insure that communist influences do not have a significant effect upon students and scholars in that field. Operationally, the group is a potential agent spotting mechanism for identifying Swedes who may be of use to SR in any type of operation. Contact with the Soviet study Group also opens the door to contact with the numerous Soviet official delegations and tourists who visit Sweden. [] proposal is that the Soviet Study Group, which has at present no independent sources of its own, be supported for two specific purposes: (1) To permit its director, Dr. Kalnins, to purchase more scholarly works on Soviet subjects written by American and West European authors, and (2) To permit Dr. Kalnins to invite two or three Western scholars in the field to address a meeting of the Soviet Study Group in the course of the academic year. By these means, [] believes that the Soviet Study Group will be able to realize the aspirations both he and Dr. Kalnins have for it.

2. [] proposed that approximately \$1200 will go directly to Dr. Kalnins for the above mentioned purposes from a U.S. philanthropic organization. He recommended the Baltimore Scholarship Fund, the cover mechanism which supported his own stay in Stockholm. As a consequence of my discussions of the project with [] he wrote, at my request, a letter to Dr. Kalnins, informing him that he hoped to be able to obtain such a sum either through the Baltimore Fund or

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some other foundation in the United States. I have also checked with Central Cover and found out that it is entirely feasible to use the Baltimore Fund for this purpose and am prepared to advance the money at this time out of [] As it is important to act promptly, I would prefer to do it that way now and write up a project outline for its continuation separately in years to come. That, assuming that the project proves its worth.

3. The question of how best to exploit the Soviet Study Group for operations is still open. Dr. Kalnins is unwitting and for the present should probably remain so. One regular member of the group, [] is [] that could be used for spotting and to make introductions between other assets and members of the Soviet Study Group when the need arises. Also, it should be a simple matter at anytime to introduce an American citizen either as a friend of [] or as affiliated in some way with the Baltimore Fund. [] himself proposed that [] be introduced more or less on these lines. Although this question remains unsettled, it is clear that the door is open and, in my opinion, that the prospects are good enough to merit action now in support of the study group, even though, beyond [] we have no direct access to it. With your concurrence, I shall proceed to put this proposal into effect along the lines mentioned in paragraph two.

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Chief, SR/CA

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